

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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## TIRING OF NOTE EXCHANGES.

Col. Roosevelt is undoubtedly winning political strength with amazing rapidity.

He is winning not more by reason of his own policy than by reason of the administration's policy.

He is winning because he is speaking out in plain Anglo-Saxon words which hit from the shoulder and leave a mark where they hit.

He is winning because the American people are growing distrustful of phrases whose results unfortunately are not the results demanded or prophesied by these phrases.

Mr. Roosevelt is forcing respect and may yet force active support from thousands of Americans who ordinarily do not regard him as a safe leader. Thousands of Americans who a year ago would not listen to Roosevelt's speeches nor read his writings are doing so today, because they are surfeited with the exchanges of notes with the Teuton Powers on the subject of slaughter by submarine. And they are surfeited by the Mexican situation. This lack of action after the massacre of Americans in Chihuahua is the climax.

In stating that Roosevelt's political strength is growing rapidly, the Star-Bulletin speaks after perusal of many mainland papers, after receiving letters from mainland residents, after talking with men recently from the states. The significant editorials in such newspapers as the New York Tribune, Boston Evening Transcript, Springfield Republican and Chicago Tribune, betray a mingled fear and hope that Roosevelt may be a candidate for president of the United States. And the New York Tribune, whose smashing editorials have attained wide circulation, is printing almost daily collections of letters from citizens urging Roosevelt as the candidate who would be backed by the moral force of the United States.

So long as belligerents continue to evade and temporize and flout and violate the demands and the principles voiced by the United States, Col. Roosevelt will continue to gain strength. So long as we are "too proud to protect" our citizens in Mexico, Roosevelt will have a situation made to order for his purpose. He can say "I told you so" hourly. And he can quite easily prove that he has been telling us so since long before the Ancona and the Persia and the Lusitania incidents.

The American people as a whole have stood loyally by the national administration, regardless of party names. They have been believing and hoping—lately hoping almost against hope—that American lives could be amply protected by diplomatic methods. We believe the great mass of American people are still with Mr. Wilson, on most points at issue with the belligerents, for he has won a large measure of compliance from Germany and will probably win much from the reluctant and pettifogging Austria. But American patience is not inexhaustible. It is plain that the nation is tiring of note-exchanges.

## A QUIZ FOR NATURALIZATION.

Information of definite value not only to prospective but to actual citizens of the United States is published by the Star-Bulletin today on Page 18. It is in the form of a "quiz" or list of questions (in most cases with the answers) to be applied to applicants for naturalization papers.

Prepared largely by Federal Judge C. F. Clemons, with the active cooperation and assistance of Federal Judge Dole, members of the citizenship committee of the Y. M. C. A., local legal authorities and welfare workers, the quiz is unusually interesting. It is not at all the dry sort of a paper one might expect. It is pretty good reading for anybody. And it has educational value to the nine-tenths of the American citizens who never knew or have forgotten much of the detail of their own forms of government.

The "quiz" will be found worth reading and worth keeping afterward for reference.

## ONE FORECAST OF THE WAR'S END.

Here is a forecast of how the war will be brought to an end. It is by an unnamed British official, given to an American war-correspondent, the most interesting fact perhaps being that this same method has been suggested by other Allied officials:

In 1917 or 1918 each side will be straining its diminishing resources to the limit. The Teutons will have failed to burst the "iron ring," and likewise the Allies will have failed to starve the enemy out.

Then from Russian there will be sent one rain.

huge new army down upon the Teutons with resistless force and dash. The army will be at least 2,000,000 strong, and it will be equipped with all the resources the Allies can put with it and back of it. It will be splendidly officered. Perhaps Japan may be well represented in the organization of this army. It will be an entirely new thunderbolt launched at the Teutons, and simultaneously around every yard of the iron ring's circumference will burst a sheet of fire and will leap the flash of steel. The object will be to hold the Teuton defenders so closely to all the lines that they cannot mass reinforcements at any point. It is calculated that perhaps half the Russian army must die to crush a way through the eastern defenses, but the Allies count on the remaining half.

A very strong attack will also be launched on the west, forcing the Teutons to an exhaustive defense here. But the main assault will be made on the east.

The whole scheme presupposes that the Allies can begin now to raise, equip, officer and train this huge Slav army. It is a work that will require two or three years. Meanwhile the Teutons have shown themselves quite able to find weak sectors in the "iron ring" and they have nearly burst it open in the Balkan campaign. The scheme as outlined may sound plausible but for its success more than plausibility is necessary.

## "NO FUNDS TO BE SOLICITED."

"No funds to be solicited in connection with the dedication."

This part of the announcement that the new Korean Church will be dedicated tomorrow afternoon epitomizes some months of busy, unflagging, effective work on the part of Dr. W. H. Fry, superintendent of the Methodist Mission, and of earnest assistance by those who realized the valuable work the new church can do.

The cost of the church is about \$7000 and the money has been raised within a comparatively short time.

The vigorous discussion of paving for Honolulu is forcing more and more attention for concrete. It is agreed by engineers that if concrete is properly laid and covered, it is a splendid and comparatively cheap paving. The question then remains, Can this paving be laid properly in Honolulu? Perhaps the first attempt or two will meet but indifferent success yet there is no reason except politics why ultimately the city cannot get concrete streets that will be literally enduring monuments to efficiency. And the political reasons can be overcome.

Some readers have been unkind enough to doubt a story recently appearing in these columns that Waikiki residents were catching fish in their yards. They insinuated there was no way for the fish to get there. The facts are we gather them are that one afternoon the rain was so heavy the fish simply swam through it from their accustomed habitat to the inundated lawns. As a matter of fact, at one period the downpour was so tremendous that the flying-fish sought shelter from the rain by going to roost in the algeroba trees near the shore.

Mr. Wilson announced that his idea was to let the Mexicans fight it out among themselves, and the fact that a new army of 4000 "malcontents" is operating in Chihuahua indicates that they are taking him at his word.

The "Reichsport" states that owing to the high cost of paper the government will discontinue the publication of the lists of Austrian casualties. Why doesn't it use the backs of the Wilson notes?—New York Tribune.

Mr. Wilson says that the administration is doing all it can to protect American life, but with presidents, as with newspaper reporters, excuses don't go.—New York Tribune.

Now that there's been a real prima donna row in the De Folco company, we may know it is a bona fide operative organization.

A moonlit night such as last night makes up for several rainy days. Besides, the rain helped the cane hereabouts.

We forget who owes the latest note on the submarine campaign, but we suspect it's the American government.

Alaska's sixty-four degrees below is enough to cause Honolulu to forget fifteen inches of

## Letters ON TIMELY TOPICS

(The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space for anonymous communications.)

### EARLY HISTORY AND PRESENT RESULTS.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.  
Sir: Possibly the subsidence in Hotel street is over the site of the former subterranean tank for fire purposes, which I remember to have been located in that vicinity. There were several of these emergency reservoirs in the business section before the hydrant system was established and when mains were small and pressure was light. In those days of the volunteer fire department every place of business was required to have a fire bucket hanging over the front entrance for the citizen bucket brigade. Engines were hauled to fires with ropes, the first team of horses having been provided in the middle eighties, by public subscription I think, for No. 1 engine company, whose house was situated about where the Hawaiian Electric Company's office building now stands. This innovation was celebrated with a banquet at the fire house, followed by high flasks that wound up in the early morning hours.

### PUUNUI HEARING.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.  
Sir: In Friday's report of the proceedings at the hearing before the Supervisors' Read Committee on Thursday, this statement is attributed to Mr. E. I. Spalding:

"He thought Mr. Stokes had a personal object in pushing the Laimi road extension, and that he desired to improve his own property. Mr. Stokes he said, lives on the extreme upper edge of the district, and naturally would like a road near his property."

The road Mr. Spalding urged, on the Country Club's account, was Hawaii street extension, and the road which I urged, on account of the Puunui Improvement Club, was the road at the top of the district, which would run through the lower part of the Country Club's grounds.

The first portion of Mr. Spalding's statement was such an unfair imputation that I felt impelled to question it.

In making the second part of his statement, Mr. Spalding gave evidence of having been very badly posted. As I did not fully comprehend this portion of his remarks at the time, I wish to state here, for the guidance of himself and others who do not understand my position in working for the upper road, that:

I live on Hawaii street, where my home has been for twelve years, and that is a quarter way down the district from the upper edge; and that I have declared to Mr. Sherman's attorney, Mr. Sutton, and others, that while I personally preferred Hawaii street extension to any other new road, I would work against it, to the best of my ability, in favor of the upper road, as the former would not benefit the whole of the district in the same degree; and that

As long as our committee believes (and rightly, too) that the upper road is the best for the whole of Puunui, I will continue to work for it, despite my own personal interests.

JOHN F. G. STOKES.

Puunui.

### CHARITY ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.  
Sir: Some days ago you kindly published a letter addressed to you on the subject of publicity in respect to contributions to charity, in which the writer took the stand that no man, woman or child duly authorized to, or accepted by the public as a receiver of donations for charitable distribution, could afford to thus act without making public acknowledgment through the press of all sums received.

Every item received should be acknowledged by daily publication in the press so long as contributors and collectors remained in the business, and the final and total results chronicled. As witness the Governor Pinkham and charity money article in yesterday morning's Advertiser. Without going into the merits of this particular case the writer seems to think that Honolulu's Associated Charities ought to be in the hands of thoroughly competent officers and an entirely responsible board of directors who would handle all this charity work in an absolutely business-like manner. Otherwise, what earthly use is an associated charity organization?

In most cities of the states of the importance of Honolulu, there is an organization composed of the best citizens, commonly calling themselves Associated, or United, Charities. They annually elect a president, a treasurer, and above all else a thoroughly good

competent worker as a secretary; and, if you please, a Good Samaritan woman, a matron. "Now there you are." Turn every bit of your charity work over to your organization. To give tone and importance to your corporation, make your governor and judges honorary president and vice-presidents respectively.

Your organization to have a regular fund and an emergency fund, all kept in a bank in a business-like manner, the emergency fund to be used for quick work in relief. Then, when any citizen is asked to receive money for charitable purposes be he governor, judge, or lawyer, he will politely refer the contributor to the treasurer of the United Charities, and thus keep his name out of the critics' column of his favorite newspaper.

The writer has donated since coming to Honolulu two months ago forty dollars to benevolent purposes—three dozen combination suits for children and \$20 to a Christmas school fund, and has not seen any mention of it in the newspapers. In each case he desired secrecy as to his identity, but what about the public—haven't they a right to know that these things were given?

Now, good ladies and gentlemen of Honolulu, get after your Associated Charities; make it the acme of charity and benevolence on a strictly business basis; then if you have a bad case to handle make the good cases compensate, as businessmen do in their business.

STRANGER.

### LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—A. M. BROWN: I found my new raft all right. No. It didn't hit me on the back of the neck. That's a boil.

R. RENTON HIND: I was on the island of Hawaii this week and saw little evidence of material damage due to the storm. On the other hand, the soaking rains will help the cane.

J. O. DOMINIS: Local ministers must be doing a rushing business judging from the sheaf of marriage licenses filed in circuit court yesterday. There must have been 50 of them.

HURON K. ASHFORD: Some one put a fake notice in the big puddle of water on the road outside the judiciary building yesterday. It was a warning to "anglers." I guess that half the people who read it thought it was genuine.

A. L. C. ATKINSON: We Progressives have always said that if the Republican party would accept true progressive principles there would be no difficulty of a union. The Republican party nationally now has not a leader who can be victorious in a presidential campaign.

### PERSONALITIES

SAM B. STOEY, head manager in San Francisco for the London & Lancashire Insurance Company, has written that he will be in Honolulu during the Carnival season.

MRS. L. A. THURSTON was to leave for Hilo this afternoon to meet her sister, Mrs. Fred Ireland, and children, who will arrive in the Crescent City on the Great Northern on January 31.

MISS HARRIET CONGDON of Boise, Idaho, will arrive here next Wednesday to take a position as instructor in the English department of Mills school. Miss Congdon was formerly dean of women at Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich.

WALTER F. FREAR, former governor of Hawaii, will represent the Chamber of Commerce at a meeting in the near future of delegates from various civic bodies to draft a city charter for Honolulu. The charter will be presented at the coming legislature. William Thompson will represent the Ad Club.

### VERDICT IN MURDER CASE AT SCHOFIELD MAY BE OUT MONDAY

No official information has yet been given out in regard to the verdict reached by the court martial at Schofield Barracks which tried Cpl. Ben Carrell for killing Pvt. Ben Franklin in the barracks of the 25th Infantry Christmas Day. It is said the verdict has been sent to Hawaiian Headquarters and as soon as it has been reviewed and punished may be given out.

Carrell stabbed Franklin with a knife during a fight which it is said Franklin started.

The Prince of Weld, deposed ruler of Albany, is reported to have returned to Albania to regain the throne.

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